GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:692
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GAUGE CONVERSION BETWEEN NEW MAL TO CHANGRABANDHA
MAHBOOB ZAHEDI

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the job to gauge conversion from New Mal to Changrabandha has started in a slow movement;

(b) whether Railways is keeping silent, although RITES engaged in final location survey submitted their report about 27 months back;

(c) whether the Government are non-responsive to the request of Assam Government administration for release of Rs.35 crore towards taking over 120km. land for Railway;

(d) whether the joint survey work started from Changrabandha to Mathabhanga in June last year;

(e) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a)Gauge conversion of Maynaguri Road to Changrabandha is part of the new line project from New Maynaguri to Jogighopa. There is no proposal for gauge conversion work from New Mal to Maynaguri Raod.

(b) No, Sir, However, M/s RITES have submitted part survey report of new line from New Maynaguri to Jogighopa for Mathabahanga-Abhaypuri section in the month of June, 2003;

(c) No, Sir, Railway is yet to make a formal request for acquisition of land with State Government of Assam.

(d) to (f) Joint survey has been taken up in December, 02 and so far survey has been completed for 28 km lengh from Changrabandha to Mathabhanga. Rs.6.22 crore has so far been paid to State Government of West Bengal towards the cost of land.